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1. On 4 March 1953, a conference was held by the Gliding Section of the Athletic and Technical Association in Halle. All Bezirk secretaries in charge of glider training were present. Heinz Attig, the chief of the Gliding Section of the Athletic and Technical Association spoke on the following subjects:  
Missions in 1953;  
Competitions to be held in 1953;  
The extension of airplane model construction activities;  
The stepping up of gliding.
2. Attig pointed out that the achievements reached so far in aircraft model construction work were disappointing. Training in this field was henceforth to be conducted in three stages extending over a period of 10 months. It was to cover initial instruction; instruction in the construction of models of powered aircraft and finally of jet-propelled aircraft. After the passing of the pertaining examinations, aircraft model construction badges A, B and C were to be awarded.
3.  training in gliding was given at the following installations:

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- a. The former glider school at Thimow-Westhavel suitable for winch launching and take-offs from a slope. Training was scheduled to be resumed there on 1 April 1953, and the installation was to be designated Otto Lilienthal School.
- b. An auxiliary glider field was under construction at Borkheide, suitable for winch launching.
- c. The Guenter Goetz auxiliary glider field near Potsdam, where winch launchings are to be practiced.
- d. The Sarmund auxiliary glider field suitable for winch launchings and take-offs from a slope.
- e. The Niederlehne auxiliary glider field near Koenigswusterhausen. In March 1953, only take-offs from slopes were practiced there.

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- f. The Wartin auxiliary glider school near Angermuende. In February and March 1953, gliding was practiced. A parachute school was being established there.

Ten type 38 gliders, 2 Grunau Baby II planes, and 2 winches were made available to the Potsdam Bezirk of the Athletic and Technical Association by its headquarters in Halle.<sup>1</sup>

4. At the conference in Halle it was announced that training in powered flying would not be started before the ratification of the European Defense Community treaty. It was allegedly planned to complete, by 1 March 1953, a parachute tower in the park of Babelsberg.

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1. Comment.

It can be assumed with a fair degree of certainty that parachute training will be taken up by the Athletic and Technical Association and that parachute units will be organized by the VP.

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